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CHRISTMAS PARTY

On the evening of December seventeenth our annual Christmas Party was held in the Elks Hall at 1 Kent Street, Brookline. About 475 came to join in the festivities and swell the Christmas spirit. It was a gay evening and fun for all. Our Glee Club of student nurses sang a number of Christmas carols and then led in the community singing. Dr. Cook's words of greeting were followed by his thanks and appreciation to all for their services throughout the year. He expressed the wish to make the Deaconess Hospital a happy and desirable place to work. He announced that he had recommended to the Executive and Budget Committees that \$30,000 be allowed to inaugurate a retirement plan in 1948. He also announced that for all employees with 25 years of service or more a diamond would be set in their 20-year pins.

Through an error the name of Mrs. Martha Hutcheon of the Nursing Department was omitted from the list announced at the party. Mrs. Hutcheon has been employed over five years and a pin has been awarded to her. We regret that this omission was made.

The annual Credit Union basket went this year to Mrs. Helen R. Quinn, Housekeeping Supervisor in Harris Hall. The consolation prize — a small basket filled with nuts, dried fruits and candy — went to Mrs. Barbara Kincaide, technician in the Pathology Laboratory. The baskets were filled with good things and arranged beautifully. Miss Maher has become a professional fancy basket packer.

The list of employees service awards was read and Dr. Cook presented the service pins. The list is as follows:

Five-Year Pins

Rhoda Aucock

Alice Bacon

Joseph Chamberlin

Marjorie Clinch

Patrick Cook

Bertha Cornish

Winnifred Darling

Warren Davis

Natalie Fossati

Eugene Hill

Ellen Howland

Martha Hutcheon

Katherine Hutchinson

Eleanore Jacobs

Catherine Kelly

Mary Libby

William Meissner

Marguerite Moulton

Mary Murphy

Beryl Paine

Warren Smith

Walter Warren

Ten-Year Pins

Temperance Abbott

Bonnibel Beard

Laura Connors

Lilla Dixon

Janet Durant

Elinor Keresey

Muriel Palmer

Mabel Petfield

Fifteen-Year Pins

Fred Cheney

Helen Murray

Ethel Nickerson

Twenty-Year Pins

John Bonner

Shields Warren

Catherine Waters

Eva Witham

Ice cream, cake, and punch were served. Candy was distributed. Following the refreshments there was dancing — Mr. Chamberlin furnished a good orchestra for the occasion. Helen Chrusz of the Palmer Record Room and Jeff Melder of the Laundry are quite the jitterbugs. Did you see them? Thanks go to Jeff for all he did to help direct people to the coat room and through the line for refreshments.

The party went off like clock work, which was due to the fact that Mr. Emery was Chairman of the committee and Mr. Chamberlin was in charge of the program. We express our appreciation to them — and thanks a million.

CHRISTMAS DINNERS

Again Dr. Cook graciously extended an invitation to the employees to be guests of the hospital for Christmas dinner. It was a wonderful meal and those who could take advantage of the invitation were grateful and thankful.

HOLIDAY HEROES

The holiday season is past, but it is not too late to give a little credit where credit is due. While some of us were home celebrating Christmas and New Years, others of us were on the job at the hospital. No matter what the day or hour, patients require care, and the work of providing it goes on.

Doctors and nurses were on hand to care for the patients; other Nursing employees tended to their simpler needs; Dietary provided holiday meals for patients and fellow employees; Housekeeping kept the building neat and tidy; Engineers kept the hospital warm and cozy; Telephone Operators handled holiday calls; Hostesses and Elevator Operators assisted visitors; and others contributed their share.

Our hospital could not operate without these employees who worked on the holidays, and it is to them we extend our special thanks. We hope that the satisfaction they re-

ceived in knowing they were doing a real service in some measure repaid them for their personal inconvenience.

LITTLE RED STOCKING CAMPAIGN

Excellent results have been reported from Room 108, Deaconess (Building Fund Office) on the return of the Red Stockings. Don't forget yours. Help build the new hospital!

OFF TO CALIFORNIA

No sooner had Miss Studley of the Palmer Record Room been welcomed back to work following a recent operation than she took the wind out of everybody's sails by announcing her plans to retire at the end of last year to "take it easy." Miss Studley had nearly nineteen years of outstanding service as Record Librarian of Palmer. She is greatly missed by all her associates and the hospital has lost an unusually fine person. It is with regret on the part of the administration of the hospital, the employees, and the doctors that Miss Studley has severed her connections here. On January eighth a farewell tea was given by the hospital in her honor so that all her many friends could wish her well. Next month she will go to California for the remainder of the winter. We hope that she may enjoy her new life and carry out all her plans.

PAY PERIODS

Somehow a wrong idea is in the minds of many that payment for the first five days of employment here is held back. This idea unfortunately is passed on to others and causes discontent. Our payroll periods are from the first through the fifteenth of the month and from the sixteenth through the last day of the month. However, it takes five days for the Executive Office to make out the checks. Checks are dated the fifteenth, which are distributed the twentieth, and the last day of the month for distribution on the fifth. If the dates on the checks are watched, there should be no further trouble. Nothing is held back.

WIN \$5! . . . ANNOUNCING . . .

A contest! Enter one; enter all — there's a \$5 prize yet. No box tops needed — just write a letter to the Editors of the PULSE telling in 200 words or less "Why I Like My Job." The deadline for entries is January 31, so get your letters in to the Personnel Office right away. The winner will be announced and the winning letter published in the February PULSE. No entries will be returned and the decision of the judges will be final. (Bribes will be accepted, but will not in any way influence the judging.)

PRESS NOTICES

GLAD TO SEE YOU! and especially Dr. Cook's foreword were complimented by The Roving Reporter in the December, 1947 issue of THE MODERN HOSPITAL. Their write-up was entitled "Look at This Manual First" and we quote the first two paragraphs:

"Add to the small list of employee manuals you should see before you publish or republish one of your own New England Deaconess Hospital's GLAD TO SEE YOU! It is the sort of booklet that, without attempting a sales message, makes one hanker for a job in that institution.

"Warren F. Cook, the administrator, has written a simple and appealing foreword, ending with: 'You are one of the links in the chain which each day saves lives. We need you. We are depending on you. We want you to be happy here and stay a long time. We are all — GLAD TO SEE YOU!' "

BOWLING

The results of the last session were as follows:

Highest Average: Mr. Emery (Laundry), 97; Kay O'Leary (Purchasing), 91.

Highest Single: Mr. Emery, 99; Kay O'Leary, 107.

Averages: Purchasing, 85.66; Laundry, 83.59; Pharmacy, 81.01; Solution Room, 77.27; Executive Office, 75.95; Deaconess O. R., 74.67; Palmer O. R., 70.83.

ADMINISTRATION

Dr. Cook has done it again — another pretty girl as his secretary to replace Vera Fogg. She is Janice Didsbury who began work in December. We're glad Vera changed her mind about going to Indiana and will stay on here doing public relations work.

A certain person in the Executive Office seems to be enjoying frequent dinners at the Officers' Club in the Charlestown Navy Yard.

ADMITTING OFFICE

Mr. Frank Willard, author of the comic-strip series "Moon Mullins" entertained Baker IV when he was a patient here recently.

BLOOD BANK

We miss Connie (Waterhouse) Knell and Phyl (Broderick) Ganley, but are glad they're enjoying their new jobs as housewives. Phyl writes from California that it is just as beautiful as she had expected it to be.

Most people probably know that we have a new nurse — Miss Virginia Hunt and two new technicians — Mrs. Eleanor Marceau and Miss Viola Kusner. Mrs. Marjorie Dean has also joined our staff as a part-time secretary. It is nice to have them with us.

DIETARY

Is there anyone who hasn't heard Mrs. Louise Prendergast, Harris Hall Cashier, exclaiming that she's frozen because there hasn't been any heat in her apartment for two weeks? If they don't fix the furnace soon she threatens to flood the kitchen floor and use it as an ice skating rink.

Miss Winger spent a week-end visiting friends "West of the Hudson" in Rochester, New York. Upon her return she encountered the problem of getting food for the hospital, which proved quite distressing at times due to the trucker's strike.

If anyone wondered why Mrs. Louise Walker was strutting so, it was because she is the proud grandmother of a new baby girl. She has now settled down to the peaceful (?) life as the Palmer cook again.

Miss Frances Sheehan, Baker relief, is now displaying a diamond ring she received for Christmas from her 6 ft. 4 in. sailor lad.

Miss Ann Ross, dietitian in Palmer, accompanied her mother to Philadelphia for a few days during the Holiday Season.

Daniel Walker, assistant store room man, resigned December 27 and was replaced by Frank Merrill, a former Deaconess employee.

Friends extend their sympathy to Mrs. Mary Tobin, Harris Hall, in the loss of her husband.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hollowell (Sally Cushing) are the parents of a baby boy born on Christmas Day.

Mrs. Nonie Green and husband Bill journeyed to Iowa to spend several days with their parents during the Christmas season. After a ride back through the snow storm, Mrs. Green is once more busy at work in the dietitian's office.

Mrs. Virginia Becker, Palmer dietitian, spent a few days visiting her family in Virginia.

LAUNDRY

Congratulations to our Jeffie Melder on the arrival of his son. Jeffie, you know, was our exhibition dancer at the Christmas party.

The Laundry Department has been given the job of cleaning off the snow as well as the clothes here at the hospital. Our veterans enrolled in on-the-job training are now taking an extra course in snow removal. They hope to graduate from this latest course soon.

MAINTENANCE

All of us were very sorry to hear of the death of William Chisholm on January 4. Bill, who was one of our carpenters, had been ill for several weeks. We wish to extend our sympathy to his family on the loss of such a fine person.

NURSING

Our best wishes to Mrs. Evelyn Carpenter, Miss Shrader's secretary, who left January 16 for a two-months leave of absence, which will include her marriage on February 8 to Mr. Walter Gorski, and a subsequent honeymoon in Florida, Havana, and Bermuda. Mrs. Margaret Murray is filling in in her absence.

Miss Klara Hankinson had a wonderful trip home to Nova Scotia over the holidays, and was one of the fortunate people whose return flight was not cancelled. She landed just before the storm broke.

We are sorry that Mrs. Marian Rayl has to be out for a while, but we are looking forward to having her back soon.

Tough luck for Miss Elinor Keresy — she spent her two weeks' vacation being sick. That was no fun, and we wish her better luck next time.

Kent Street's thanks to everyone who helped make their December dance at the Somerset such a success. Its two-fold purpose of providing fun and raising money was accomplished.

PATHOLOGY

It seems ages ago, but we look back upon a very fine Christmas party. Our biggest impression was of the fine quality of the cake and cookies provided by Mrs. Warren, Mrs. Meissner and Miss Witham. Dr. Warren overestimated our not so little capacity for ice cream. Santa Claus proved to be mild mannered, but not without a keen sense of humor and gifts for all. We fear the high cost of living of 1947 was a hardship to Santa for his belly did not shake "like a bowl full of jelly."

We welcome 1948 with great anticipation. Three of our members were conscious of the fact that it is Leap Year and did something about the situation before 1948 dawned. Marguerite LaDucer and Katherine Gifford are wearing diamonds but won't tell us the date. Thema Maxon in Bacteriology says she will take the fatal step early in February. Our best wishes to each of them.

Dr. Paul Riemenschneider found his way back from the meeting of radiologists (without the help of our man about town) only to leave the first of the year for an appointment at Children's Hospital. His place in our department has been taken by Dr. Klaus Dehlinger.

PHARMACY

The "no news" situation from the Pharmacy has been caused by turmoil of repainting. However, our best wishes to Helen Capobianco on her recent engagement to Joseph Cucchiana.

RECORD ROOMS

The holidays are over and everyone is trying to get "back to work" and forget about Christmas parties. Mrs. May spent Christmas with her family in Easton, Pennsylvania — and didn't get stuck in the New York snowstorm on the way back. Norma Whited went home to Houlton, Maine for Christmas and when she returned reported that we had more snow right here in front of the Hospital than there was in all her home town. -Dorene Thompson and Kay Shirley, not to be outdone by the other travelers, took off for the White Mountains the day before New Years, but they were out of luck on snow, too. Who wants snow, anyway? Helen Chrusz joined her family in Manchester, New Hampshire for Christmas.

SOCIAL SERVICE

Miss Dorothy Hickie is a new-comer to the Palmer Outpatient Department, working on cancer research.

A holiday week-end found the Futtermans celebrating with friends in Hartford, Connecticut.

Our OPD Christmas party was one of feast and fun. Thanks to the volunteers who helped make it merry, and to Dr. Downing for his excellent distribution of gifts in his capacity of St. Nick.

The Social Service Department was entertained with a buffet supper on January 9 by Mrs. Muriel Oakman, former assistant in the department at her home in Braintree.

Miss Maude Maher, OPD Nurse, was recently on the sick list and spent several days recovering from a severe cold at her home in Lowell.

The Social Service Department is deeply grateful to the student nurses for their generous contributions of canned goods, to the Friends of the Deaconess, and to Mrs. Roscoe Carter, a hospital trustee, for her contribution of money. All of these were used to make the holiday season happier for many of our child and elderly patients.

SOLUTION ROOM

The recent doings of our department include Ruth Carlson's leaving on October 12 to go to the State Blood Bank; Marjorie Dizer's trip to the Midwest over the holidays to attend her cousin's wedding; Christine Smith's trip to Frederickton, N. B., for Christmas; and Jane Woodcock's return to the fold on December 22.

X-RAY

Another change in residents has been affected. Dr. John Wentworth completed his 6-month hitch with us, and left the end of the year to make room for Dr. Raymond Healey.

Mrs. Joan Tsolas joined our group on December 15 as the new messenger-maid in Palmer. She only recently came to this country from Holland.

STAFF NOTES

Drs. Howard F. Root, Allen Joslin, Alexander Marble and Mrs. Rachel Leach of the Joslin Clinic attended the AMA convention in Cleveland January 5-8 and the meeting of the American Diabetes Association in the same city January 9. Following these meetings, Dr. Root went to Durham, North Carolina to lecture at the University of North Carolina.

Dr. Norman J. Wilson is back with Dr. Overholt after spending some time at general surgery with Dr. McKittrick.

After several weeks of hospitalization in Baker, Dr. Elliott P. Joslin went to Virginia with his wife.

Dr. and Mrs. James F. Gleason announce the birth of their second son, Kevin Peter, December 18.

Dr. Joseph H. Marks, Dr. John B. McKittrick, and Mrs. Gertrude S. Jameson took part in a radio broadcast over WNAC on Saturday morning, January 10. This program was sponsored by the American Cancer Society.



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